



ECEAP

WASHINGTON STATE'S



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
AND
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Preschool for low-income and at-risk children in Washington State

ECEAP and You!

ECEAP has a lot to offer and can use your support. Parents and teachers can share stories about the short-term impact of children and families participating in ECEAP. In addition, both prior and ongoing research point to the long-term individual and societal benefits generated by quality, comprehensive early childhood and family support programs such as ECEAP. Here are some ideas for you to help support the success and school-readiness of children and families in your community:

- ◆ Contact your local ECEAP provider and ask what their particular needs are, and be sure to ask for their support in meeting your goals.
- ◆ Include local ECEAP programs as a resource when building community partnerships, planning local events, and developing other outreach efforts.
- ◆ Consider the established expertise of local ECEAP teachers, staff, and parents when working on solutions to early childhood issues.
- ◆ Coordinate a visit by your local ECEAP classes to their potential kindergarten teachers to ease transition into the public school system.
- ◆ Start a dialogue between ECEAP parents/programs and your local school to maintain effective family participation in each child's ongoing education.
- ◆ Partner with local ECEAP contractors and programs through in-kind donations of services, facilities, transportation, playground equipment, teacher and staff support and training, and/or classroom materials and learning resources.
- ◆ Provide funding to support the local delivery of quality, comprehensive preschool services, either through general grants or funding specific program elements and/or services. School districts can use I-728 and other money to fund ECEAP slots or even create entire classrooms, expanding programs or restoring lost services.

By working together, we can partner to ensure the successful future of children, families, and communities in Washington State!

ECEAP: Ready to Succeed!